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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Action on H.R. 12240, Authorizing Appropriations for Intelligence and Intelligence-related Activities

During the House action on H.R. 12240, on 6 June 1978, the following items of interest were noted:

- Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), spoke of the measure as a historic moment in the House regarding intelligence. As the bill was under some attack in terms of its secrecy and also the lack of clarity in the classified annex, Chairman Boland pleaded that this was the Committee's first effort, and that they would try to make improvements in future years.

- Representative Romano L. Mazzoli (D., Ky.), HPSCI member, twice spoke of the overall secrecy by saying that the Committee was committed to review again the need for not revealing any numbers. Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), HPSCI member, used Representative Mazzoli as the example of the representativeness of the Committee in pleading for tolerance by House members.

- Representative Robert F. Drinan (D., Miss.) spoke in favor of the bill as one who had read the classified report.

- Representative Samuel S. Stratton (D., N.Y.) spoke against the increase in the Intelligence Community Staff with his opposition stemming from the Director's cut in the DDO.

- Representative Ted S. Weiss (D., N.Y.) offered an amendment to eliminate Title IV. This was defeated after considerable debate. Mr. Weiss and Representative Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N.Y.) and others objected to the HPSCI becoming another House Un-American Activities Committee. Chairman Boland denied that was intended.

- Chairman Boland did a good job with considerable help from Representatives J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.), John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio), Robert McClory (R., Ill.) and a little from Representative Norman Y. Mineta (D., Calif.) Representative John F. Seiberling (D., Ohio) pushed for knowing the bottom-line figure.



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